

Israel

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens RECONSIDER TRAVEL to Israel and the West Bank due to COVID-19, travel restrictions, and quarantine procedures instituted by the Government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority respectively. Exercise increased caution in Israel and the West Bank due to terrorism and civil unrest. Do not travel to Gaza due to COVID-19, terrorism, civil unrest, and armed conflict. Consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp. A visa is not required if stay is less than 90 days. There are restrictions for visitors wanting to travel to the West Bank or Gaza, or for travelers with dual US and Israeli citizenship, consult: [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html) and/or [content and/or travel and/or international-travel and/or International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages and/or IsraeltheWestBankandGaza.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html)).

US Embassy/Consulate

[972] (2) 630-4000; US Embassy Jerusalem, 14 David Flusser Street, Jerusalem 9378322, Israel

Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

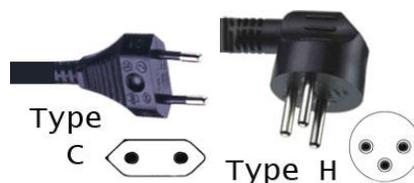
Temperate; hot and dry in southern and eastern desert areas

Currency (Code)

New Israeli shekels (ILS); the shekel is also commonly referred to as NIS

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, H



Major Languages

Hebrew, Arabic, English (most commonly used foreign language)

Religions

Jewish 74.3%, Muslim 17.8%, Christian 1.9%, Druze 1.6%, other 4.4%

Time Difference

UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, Friday before the last Sunday in March, ends the last Sunday in October

Potable Water

Yes, but many opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Right
Tourist destinations	Jerusalem (includes Temple Mount, al-Aqsa Mosque, Holy Sepulcher Church, Mount of Olives); Bethlehem; Timna Park; Sea of Galilee; Masada; Dead Sea; Haifa & Mount Carmel
Cultural Practices	It is common to bring a present if invited to a home for dinner. Wine, flowers, or chocolates are appreciated gifts.
Tipping Guidelines	Tip servers 10-15% at restaurants. Tipping taxi drivers is not expected.
Telephone Code	972
Local Emergency Phone	Ambulance: 101; Fire: 102; Police: 100

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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